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ADVISORY ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. Applicant's amendment After Final was received on 7/12/10 and has been entered and made of record as on remarks regarding the Final rejection have been presented and no amendments to the claims have been made.

Response to Arguments

2. Applicant's arguments filed 7/12/10 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

The applicant asserts that Mihira does not teach or suggest wherein commands, commands, parameters, and syntax for controlling the hardware resource are released to the public for incorporation by external users into software supported by the second API. The Examiner respectfully disagrees as Mihira does teach, or at the very least suggest, the above feature. Particularly, Mihira states that the invention relates to an image forming apparatus, a stored document printing method, and a stored document printing system for printing out a stored document according to an instruction from an external network apparatus or another image forming apparatus. Mihira also states that the composite machine 1 can receive requests to print documents via a network interface, the network can be the Internet, according to such communication protocols

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as XML and SOAP (Simple Object Access Protocol). Thus, commands, parameters, and syntax for controlling hardware resources are released to the public for incorporation by external users into software. Therefore, the Final rejection is maintained.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mark R. Milia whose telephone number is (571)272-7408. The examiner can normally be reached M-F 8:00am-4:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Moore can be reached at (571) 272-7437. The fax number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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